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Dear Diane Russell:

My name is [Supporter] and I am writing on behalf of [Organization Name]. This letter is written in support of BioPath Solutions' ("BioPath") environmental remediation plan for the Allied Paper Landfill site located in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Specifically, this letter is requesting that the EPA include language in its forthcoming Record of Decision that specifically allows for the use of biotechnologies (including BioPath's technology) and facilitates the transfer of responsibility for the cleanup to BioPath and its team.

As an active community stakeholder, our [association/organization/other] cares deeply about the properties that make up the fabric of our community. The Allied Paper Landfill site has sat vacant and gated for years, hiding away the toxic materials contained in the waste.

BioPath and its partners have been actively involved with the Allied Paper Landfill site for five years and are both economically and emotionally invested in its success. BioPath has listened to the community's desires and held numerous informational sessions to present the mechanics of its solution and how it works.

BioPath's comprehensive proposal provides the community and EPA with a better solution than that which is proposed by EPA in that the BioPath solution begets a more thorough cleanup AND real economic redevelopment opportunity while also backing their innovative technology solution with the assurance that, if their technology is not effective, BioPath will default to and fully fund the EPA-proposed consolidate and cap remedy. Therefore, BioPath's proposal is a win-win for our community because it protects our community and provides Kalamazoo with the greatest chance at transforming the contaminated Kalamazoo property into a truly clean, highly productive, revenue-generating asset for generations to come.

[Our constituents / The members of our association/organization] are united in their desire to have BioPath provide its remedy. BioPath has presented a solution that not only degrades the contaminant to residential use levels, but also allows for the site to be adaptively re-used to the highest and best fit for our community.

Alternatively, the current preferred remedy selected by the EPA – the consolidate and cap remedy – will render the Allied Paper site largely useless and will create a visible (and potentially dangerous) eyesore for our community that will undoubtedly impair the economic value of our neighborhoods. However, this letter of support is not seeking to oppose the EPA's plan.

Importantly, it is clear that the EPA's plan was developed with the community's interests in mind and is a reasonable, pragmatic, default solution. In the vein of EPA and this process fully serving the public trust including the diverse interests of the greater Kalamazoo community, this letter is supporting the EPA's

plan so long as it includes flexible language that specifically allows for the use of biotechnologies (including BioPath's technology) and facilitates the transfer of responsibility for the cleanup to BioPath and its team.

Sincerely,

[Supporter]